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CONTRERAS, LUIS CARANDELL, AND RAMON PI TORRENTE)

SUBJ: FY-76 IVP

REF: MADRID 8249 AND 7502

1. POST ARRANGING IVP TRAVEL FOR THREE TOP SPANISH POLITICAL COMMENTATORS, MARCH 6 - 27, 1976. (A FOURTH PARTICIPANT MAY BE ADDED TO THIS GROUP.) CHANGES IN POLITICAL SITUATION AND SHIFTS IN MEDIA LEADERSHIP FORCED TRAVEL CANCELLATIONS OF PREVIOUSLY-NAMED CANDIDATES LUIS CARANDELL AND LORENZO CONTRERAS. CONTRERAS AND CARANDELL WILL FORM BASE FOR OTHER GROUP OF POLITICAL WRITERS TRAVELING IN LATE SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER.

3. PRESENT GROUP OF THREE THUS INCLUDES: PEDRO CRESPO OF ABC NEWSPAPER, MADRID; JOSE MANUEL ONETO OF CAMBIO 16 MAGAZINE; AND NEW CANDIDATE RAMON PI TORRENTE, OF MULTIPRESS, TELEEXPRES, AND MUNDO MAGAZINE. WILL NAME POSSIBLE FOURTH CANDIDATE SOONEST. BI-DATA AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS LISTED IN MADRID 7502 STILL VALID. IN ADDITION, PO TORRENTE SUGGESTS VISIT INCLUDE STUDY OF U.S. FEDERALISM AND HOW GOVERNMENT AND POLITICIANS OPERATE AT NATIONAL AND STATE LEVELS. POST SUGGESTS VISITS WITH HARVARD OR UC BERKELEY FACULTIES OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND POSSIBLE TALKS WITH PERSON SIMILAR TO RAOUL BERGER. AMERICAN ELECTIONS OF GREAT INTEREST ALSO, ESPECIALLY
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IN LIGHT OF SPANISH ELECTORAL REFORMS AND POSSIBLE LOCAL

ELECTIONS THIS YEAR. SUGGEST GROUP VISIT HEADQUARTERS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND ATTEND PRIMARY ELECTION. FLORIDA PRIMARY ESPECIALLY INTERESTING. PI TORRENTE ALSO WISHES INCLUDE VISITS WITH LOCAL POLITICIANS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE PENTAGON BRIEFINGS ON CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE AND ORGANIZATION OF U.S. MILITARY SERVICES. ALSO SUGGEST VISIT WITH WASHINGTON, D.C. HEADQUARTERS OF NATIONAL GUARD AND ANY LOCAL NG UNIT.

3. BIO-DATA ON PI TORRENTE FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: RAMON PI TORRENTE

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: BARCELONA, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 19 AUG 2013]

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

MAILING ADDRESS: CARDENAL SILICEO, 35, MADRID

ACADEMIC TRAINING: GRADUATE OF JOURNALISM, UNIVERISTY OF NAVARRA, 1962

PRESENT POSITION:

ASST. DIRECTOR "MULTI-PRESS" NEWS AGENCY
POLITICAL COMMENTATOR DAILY "TEL-EXPRES"
POLITICAL COMMENTATOR "MUNDO" REVIEW
SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS IN THE PAST:

SUBDIRECTOR "GACETA UNIVERSITARIA"

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

"BLANCO WHITE" CLUB
MADRID PRESS ASSOCIATION

TRAVELS ABROAD: EUROPE (BETWEEN 1960-1975)

LANGUAGES: IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE SPANISH HE CAN SPEAK AND WRITE FRENCH. LITTLE ENGLISH.

HOBBIES: MUSIC; CHESS.

4. SECURITY CHECK BEING PROCESSED ON PI TORRENTE. CRESPO AND ONETO ALREADY CLEARED. WILL CABLE EXACT TRAVEL DATA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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